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SUBJ: CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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1. SUBSTANCE REFTEL DISCUSSED WITH DR. PETER GAFNER OF SWISS FEDERAL VETERINARY OFFICE. DR. GAFNER SAID HIS OFFICE HAS PREPARED LEGISLATION REQUIRED FOR RATIFICATION OF SUBJECT CONVENTION WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO FEDERAL COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY. FOLLOWING EXPECTED FEDERAL COUNCIL APPROVAL, LEGISLATION WILL GO TO NATIONAL COUNCIL (LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT) FOR CONSID-

ERATION DURING SPRING SESSION (MARCH) AND THEN TO COUNCIL OF STATES (UPPER HOUSE) DURING SUMMER SESSION (JUNE). DR. GAFNER ANTICIPATES THAT SWITZERLAND WILL RATIFY CONVENTION IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY.

2. UNDER CUSTOMS TREATY BETWEEN SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN, ANY CONVENTION ON TRADE OR CUSTOMS SIGNED AND RATIFIED BY SWITZERLAND IS AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED TO PRINCIPALITY. DR. GAFNER CONFIRMED THAT SWISS RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE BINDING ON LIECHTENSTEIN.

3. NOTE CONTAINING ARGUMENTATION FOR PROMPT ACTION ON
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TRANSMISSION TO CUBAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH SWISS EMBASSY
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